

Board of Education
Regular Meeting
December 19, 2007

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 100 was held Wednesday, December 19, 2007 in the office of the Board of Education. The meeting was called to order at 5:20 P.M. by John Copley, President. Other members present were Greg Brown, Angie Cory, Pete Hatfill, and Bob Norman. Also in attendance were Colleen Legge, Superintendent; Ken Schell, District Administrator; Lisa Schuenke, Principal; Chris Skinner, Assistant Principal, and Lieutenant Kirby.

A motion was made by Norman, seconded by Brown to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of student discipline and personnel. The Board, along with Ms. Legge, Mr. Schell, Mrs. Schuenke, Mr. Skinner, Lieutenant Kirby, parent and student adjourned to closed session at 5:20 P.M.

Lieutenant Kirby departed at 5:27 P.M.

Student departed at 5:40 P.M.

Parent departed at 5:50 P.M.

The Board broke at 6:10 P.M. for dinner and returned at 6:20 P.M. Chris Skinner, Lisa Schuenke, and Ken Schell left at 6:10 P.M. and did not return to closed session when the Board returned at 6:20 P.M. Ken Schell left at 6:40 P.M.

The Board returned from closed session at 7:05 P.M. A motion was made by Cory, seconded by Norman to reconvene the open session. Motion carried.

Also in attendance for the regular meeting were Ruth Eschbach, Director of Programs; Tammy Steckel, Director of Business Affairs; Keith Norman, Director of Technology; also, Laura Griffith, The Telegraph; Jong Cambron, The Jersey County Journal, Michelle Brown, Michelle Bidlack, Mary Schell, Rose DeCoursey; Cynthia Barnhart, Denise Kallal, Alan Churchman, and Lisa Schuenke, Principals; Chris Skinner, Judy Fritz, Cindy Russell, Freddy Hatfill, Kari Nairn, Cliff Kaminsky, District Employees; Kim Loy, Scheffel and Company; also, Katie Disterhoft, JCHS student; and numerous parents and Illini Middle School cheerleaders.

AGENDA APPROVAL

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Norman to approve the agenda; approve the addendum adding items to personnel and trip request; and also deleting administrative & district psychologist salaries. Motion carried.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Norman, seconded by Brown that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 21 and special meeting of November 29 be approved as recorded. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Katie Disterhoft, student at JCHS, received an appreciation award from Richard Lott, representative of the Salvation Army, in honor of organizing the entire bell ringing and can food drive and JCHS.
2. West Elementary received an Academic Improvement Award for Exemplary Gains in Performance on the Illinois Learning Standards. West Elementary test scores improved 7.5 point in state test scores in both reading and mathematics between 2005 and 2006.
3. Illini Middle School Cheerleading team competed at the IESA State Cheerleading competition in Peoria December 15 receiving first place.

BILLS

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Hatfill that the bills, as presented, be approved for payment and orders drawn. On roll call, Brown, yes; Cory, yes; Hatfill, yes; Norman, yes; Copley, yes. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Ms. Legge reviewed the personnel recommendations. Following discussion, a motion was made by Norman, seconded by Brown to approve the following personnel action:

- Approve the employment of Carl Hill as the assistant wrestling coach at JCHS for the 2007-08 season.
- Approve the employment/assignment of the following spring coaches for the 2007-08 season:

Boys Head Baseball	Marc Patton	Boys Head Track	Harold Landon
Boys Asst. Baseball	Scott Burney	Boys Asst. Track	Curt Schroeder
Boys Asst. Baseball	John Burks	Girls Head Track	Larry Foster
Boys Asst. Baseball	Stote Reeder	Girls Asst. Track	BJ Symes
Girls Head Soccer	Rick Sims	7/8 Boys Track	Kit Crawford
Girls Asst. Soccer	Bob Madson	7/8 Girls Track	Brenda McCreary
Girls Head Softball	Lisa Kolkmeier		
Girls Asst. Softball	Bob Siemer		
- Approve the resignation of Ruth Eschbach effective June 30, 2008 to begin retirement.
- Approve the resignation of Carole Cotner effective the completion of the 2007-08 school year to begin retirement.

Informational Item

- Gina Farley, Misty Bellet, JaCinda Jones, and Lauren Phipps will serve as volunteer cheerleading sponsors at East Elementary for the 2007-08 school year.
- Stacey Beauchamp, 1st grade teacher; Gina Critchfield and Missy Senger; parents will serve as volunteer cheerleading sponsors at Grafton Elementary for the 2007-08 season.
- Brian Kanallakan will serve as volunteer coach for the 5th & 6th grade basketball team at Fieldon Elementary for the 2007-08 season.
- Bradley Davis will serve as volunteer basketball coach for the Illini White 5/6 grade.

On roll call, Brown, yes; Cory, yes; Hatfill, yes; Norman, yes; Copley, yes. Motion carried.

INVESTMENTS

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Hatfill to approve Investments No. 1 completed by School Treasurer:

Invested on December 12, 2007 with Jersey State Bank in CD #119079 at 4.33% interest for a period of 35 days with maturity January 16, 2008.

Education	\$1,500,000.00
Operations & Maintenance	\$1,050,000.00
Transportation	\$ 424,000.00
IMRF	\$ 385,000.00
Social Security	\$ 445,000.00
Working Cash	\$1,200,000.00
Bond and Interest	\$1,121,000.00
Fire Prevention	\$ <u>530,000.00</u>
Total Invested	\$6,655,000.00

On roll call, Brown, yes; Cory, yes; Hatfill, yes; Norman, yes; Copley, yes. Motion carried.

To repay the \$700,000 loan from the Education Fund to the Operations & Maintenance Fund, a motion was made by Hatfill, seconded by Norman to adopt the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the board of Education approved a transfer of funds from Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Education Fund;

WHEREAS, the Board resolved that the transfer from Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Education Fund would be repaid by June 30, 2008;

WHEREAS, the Board has and does hereby determine that it is necessary and in the best interest of the District that the repayment be made;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE It and It is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 100, Jersey and Greene Counties, Illinois, as follows:

Amount of Transfer. A transfer in the amount of \$700,000 will be made from the Education Fund to the Operations & Maintenance Fund.

Adopted December 19, 2007

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

On roll call, Brown, yes; Cory, yes; Hatfill, yes; Norman, yes; Copley, yes. Motion carried.

PURCHASES/CONTRACTS

None at this meeting.

AUDIT REPORT

Mrs. Kim Loy, Scheffel and Company, reviewed the FY07 audit. A motion was made by Brown, second by Norman to accept the FY07 annual audit and place on file. On roll call, Brown, yes; Cory, yes; Hatfill, yes; Norman, yes; Copley, yes. Motion carried.

TAX LEVY

Tammy Steckel reviewed the tax levy process, 2006 rates and extensions, and the proposed 2007 levy.

A motion was made by Hatfill, seconded by Brown to adopt the following resolution levying taxes for the year 2007 authorizing the filing of a Certificate of Tax Levy.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 100, Jersey/Greene Counties, Illinois (the "District"):

- Section 1: That there be and there is hereby levied upon all the taxable property in the district the following direct annual taxes for the year 2007: the sum of \$4,894,550 as special tax for educational purposes; the sum of \$1,330,050 as a special tax for operations and maintenance purposes; the sum of \$532,050 as a special tax for transportation purposes; the sum of \$133,050 for special tax for working cash purposes; the sum of \$402,000 for special tax for Illinois Municipal Retirement purposes, the sum of \$475,000 as a special tax for social security purposes; the sum of \$0 as a special tax for fire and prevention and life safety purposes; the sum of \$535,000 as a special tax for tort immunity purposes; the sum of \$106,450 as a special tax for special education purposes; and the sum of \$0 as a special tax for leasing purposes.
- Section 2: That the President and Secretary of this Board of Education be and they are hereby authorized and directed to file, or cause to be filed with the County Clerks of Jersey and Greene Counties, Illinois, a certificate of Tax Levy substantially in the form attached and made part hereof on or before the last Tuesday in December of this year, and it shall be the duty of said County Clerks to ascertain the rate necessary to produce the taxes herein levied and extend the same for collection on the tax books against all of the taxable property within the District in order to raise the respective amounts aforesaid for the year 2007, and a certified copy of this resolution and said Certificate of Tax Levy shall be filed with the School Treasurer who receives the taxes of the District.
- Section 3: That all resolutions, order or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.
- Section 4: This resolution shall be in full force immediately upon its passage.

ADOPTED this 19th day of December, 2007.

President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Education

On roll call, Brown, yes; Cory, yes; Hatfill, yes; Norman, yes; Copley, yes. Motion carried.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

A motion was made by Brown, second by Norman to approve Ms. Legge's recommendation to expel Student B from Jersey Community High School for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year and the first semester of the 2008-09 school year with a stay for the Safe School if there is an opening. On roll call, Brown, yes; Cory, yes; Hatfill, yes; Norman, yes; Copley, yes. Motion carried.

FUND RAISING REQUESTS

A motion was made by Norman, seconded by Cory to approve the following fund raising requests:

- Request of Dow Elementary to participate in Computers for Education January 28 – February 1, 2008.
- Request of JCHS Sophomore Class to sell jewelry and candy from the Grant American Company during the week of January 22, 2008.

Motion carried.

USE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES

A motion was made by Cory, seconded by Hatfill to approve the request of LuAnne Taul, music teacher at JCHS, to host a concert with Great Rivers Choral Society on Sunday, April 27, 2008. Motion carried.

TRIP REQUESTS

Discussion was held regarding the 7th & 8th grade Illini Cheerleading team traveling to Orlando, Florida to compete in the National High School Cheerleading Competition February 8 – 11, 2008. After discussion, a motion was made by Brown, seconded by Cory to approve the request of Mrs. Diamond allowing the cheerleading squad to travel to Florida to compete at the National level. On roll call, Brown, yes; Cory, yes; Hatfill, yes; Norman, yes; Copley, yes. Motion carried.

The Board directed Superintendent Legge to review all fundraising requests for this trip and gave her the authority to determine if these requests would be approved. This was necessitated by the fact that much of the necessary fundraising would need to be started before the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education or their designee is required by law to do a semi-annual review of closed session minutes. A motion was made by Hatfill, seconded by Norman to approve the request of Ms. Legge that all closed session minutes remain confidential. Motion carried.

JCHS CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

At the November Board meeting, information was included and discussion was held regarding the following changes in the high school curriculum for the 2008-09 school year. After discussion a motion was made by Brown, seconded by Cory to approve the following changes as requested:

1. Requesting to change the names of two business courses:
 - Computer Applications and Keyboarding I to Keyboarding and Formatting I
 - Computer Applications and Keyboarding II to Keyboarding and Formatting II
2. Requesting to change the names of two courses:
 - Agribusiness Mechanics and Operations to Agriculture Sales and Marketing
 - Greenhouse Management and Operations to Greenhouse Production & Floral Design
3. Requesting two 1 semester courses become a one year course.
 - Horticulture I and Horticulture II (semester courses) become Basic Horticulture Science (1 year course)
4. Requesting to add two additional physical education courses:
 - Strength and Conditioning
 - Fitness for Life
 - The regular P.E. class will still be offered

Motion carried.

SECTION 125 PLAN

A motion was made by Norman, seconded by Brown to accept the Section 125 Plan effective March 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009. Our Section 125 plan is a premium only plan meaning only specific insurance premiums (health, dental, vision, and some optional coverage) are deducted pretax. We do not participate in a full flex spending plan. Because the school district belongs to the Egyptian Trust, American Fidelity Assurance Company administers the plan for the school district at no charge. Motion carried.

DISTRICT TITLE 1 PLAN

Mrs. Eschbach presented the Title I District Plan. All districts receiving Title 1 funds must develop and submit a Title I District Plan through the IIRC site. Since plans must be approved by the local school board and submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education, a motion was made by Hatfill, seconded by Brown to approve the presented plan. Motion carried.

GIFTING OF SICK DAYS

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Hatfill to approve the gifting of 12 sick days to Cheri Boss effective immediately for the purpose of retirement. On roll call, Brown, yes; Cory, yes; Hatfill, yes; Norman, yes; Copley, yes. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Regular monthly finance reports, namely, Treasurer's Report, Revenue & Expenditure Report, Utility Report, Interest Revenue Report, PMA Statement and Activity Fund Report were received, discussed and placed on file.

Ms. Legge presented a list of JCHS seniors elected as Illinois State Scholars. A letter of congratulations will be mailed to each parent.

Mrs. Brown reviewed the recommendation of the District's Literacy committee to adopt the McGraw-Hill Treasures 2009 copyright for grades kindergarten through sixth grade. The reading materials will be purchased with funds from the Illinois Textbook Loan Program and the ADA Block grant. The series will be on display for review and action will be taken at the January Board meeting.

Mr. Kaminsky, JCHS Athletic Director, reported on the interest of forming a boys bowling team at JCHS. If approved at a later meeting, the team will begin effective the 2008-09 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Legge thanked the JCEA for the beautiful fruit baskets.

A motion was made by Hatfill, seconded by Cory to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of personnel. The Board, along with Ms. Legge and Mrs. Eschbach adjourned to closed session at 9:17 P.M.

The Board returned at 9:55 P.M. A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Hatfill to reconvene the open meeting.

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Cory to adjourn. Motion carried. The regular meeting of December 19, 2007 adjourned at 9:55 P.M.